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Senators Seek Assault-Pistol Ban

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New Jersey's two senators, Jon Corzine and Frank Lautenberg say they will be introducing a bill that would make it illegal for anyone except police and military officials to purchase or use an assault pistol that fires bullets capable of penetrating bulletproof vests, [Newsday](#) reported Feb. 22.

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Three national police organizations and the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence have already denounced the Five-SeveN gun, made by FN Herstal of Belgium. Last month, the Brady Campaign released a video showing a staff person firing the weapon, which had been purchased from a Virginia gun dealer. The shots penetrated a Kevlar police vest.

The two senators are calling their bill the Protect Law Enforcement Armor (PLEA) Act, and they said they will introduce it next week.

"There is absolutely no reason anyone other than law enforcement or the military should possess firepower capable of piercing protective body armor," Lautenberg said.

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